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## SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

The Social Security Administration (SSA) publishes a list of information collection packages requiring clearance by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with Public Law 104-13, the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, effective October 1, 1995. This notice includes revisions of OMB-approved information collections and one new information collection.

SSA is soliciting comments on the accuracy of the agency's burden estimate; the need for the information; its practical utility; ways to enhance its quality, utility, and clarity; and ways to minimize burden on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Mail, email, or fax your comments and recommendations on the information collection(s) to the OMB Desk Officer and SSA Reports Clearance Officer at the following addresses or fax numbers.

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SSA submitted the information collections below to OMB for clearance. Your comments regarding the information collections would be most useful if OMB and SSA receive them 30 days from the date of this publication. To be sure we consider your comments, we must receive them no later than **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

Individuals can obtain copies of the OMB clearance packages by writing to [OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov](mailto:OPLM.RCO@ssa.gov).

- 1. Health IT Partner Program Assessment - Partnering Facilities and Available Content Form -- 24 CFR 495.300-495.370 -- 0960-NEW.** The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act promotes the adoption and meaningful use of health information technology (IT), particularly in the context of working with government agencies. Similarly,

section 3004 of the Public Health Service Act requires health care providers or health insurance issuers with government contracts to implement, acquire, or upgrade their health IT systems and products to meet adopted standards and implementation specifications.

To support expansion of SSA's health IT initiative as defined under HITECH, SSA developed Form SSA-680, the Health IT Partner Program Assessment – Participating Facilities and Available Content Form. The SSA-680 allows healthcare providers to provide the information SSA needs to determine their ability to exchange health information with us electronically. We intend to evaluate potential partners (i.e., healthcare providers and organizations) on (1) the accessibility of health information they possess, and (2) the content value of their electronic health records' systems for our disability adjudication processes. SSA reviews the completeness of organizations' SSA-680 responses as one part of our careful analysis of their readiness to enter into a health IT partnership with us. The respondents are healthcare providers and organizations exchanging information with the agency.

Note: This is a correction notice. SSA published this information collection notice with a different form title on January 31, 2012 at 77 FR 4854. We are publishing this notice with the revised, corrected form title here.

Type of Request: This is a new information collection request.

<b>Collection Instrument</b>	<b>Number of Responses</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>	<b>Average Burden per Response (hours)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)</b>
SSA-680	30	1	5	150

**2. Statement of Self-Employment Income -- 20 CFR 404.101, 404.110,**

**404.1096(a)-(d) -- 0960-0046.** To qualify for insured status and thus collect Social Security benefits, self-employed individuals must demonstrate they earned the minimum amount of self-employment income (SEI) in a current year. SSA uses Form SSA-766, Statement of Self-Employment Income, to collect the information we need to determine if the individual will have at least the minimum amount of SEI needed for one or more quarters of coverage in the current year. Based on the information we obtain, we may credit additional quarters of coverage to give the individual insured status thus expediting benefit payments. Respondents are self-employed individuals who may be eligible for Social Security benefits.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

<b>Collection Instrument</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>	<b>Average Burden Per Response (minutes)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)</b>
SSA-766	2,500	1	5	208

- 3. Certification by Religious Group -- 20 CFR 404.1075 -- 0960-0093.** SSA is responsible for determining whether religious groups meet the qualifications exempting certain members and sects from payment of Self-Employment Contribution Act taxes under the Internal Revenue Code, section 1402(g). SSA sends Form SSA-1458, Certification by Religious Group, to a group's authorized spokesperson to complete and verify organizational members meet or continue to meet the criteria for exemption. The respondents are spokespersons for religious groups or sects.

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<b>Collection Instrument</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>	<b>Average Burden Per Response (minutes)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)</b>
SSA-1458	180	1	15	45

- 4. Claim for Amounts Due in the Case of a Deceased Beneficiary -- 20 CFR 404.503(b) -- 0960-0101.** SSA requests applicants complete Form SSA-1724 when there is insufficient information in the file to identify the person(s) entitled to the underpayment, or the person's address. SSA collects the information when a surviving widow(er) is not already entitled to a monthly benefit on the same earnings record, or is not filing for a lump-sum death payment as a former spouse. SSA uses the information Form SSA-1724 provides to ensure proper payment of an underpayment due a deceased beneficiary. The respondents are applicants for underpayments owed to deceased beneficiaries.

Type of Request: Revision of an OMB-approved information collection.

<b>Collection Instrument</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>	<b>Average Burden Per Response (minutes)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)</b>
SSA-1724	250,000	1	10	41,667

**5. Certificate of Election for Reduced Spouse's Benefits -- 20 CFR 404.421 --**

**0960-0398.** Reduced benefits are not payable to an already entitled spouse, at least age 62 but under full retirement age, who no longer has a child in their care unless the spouse elects to receive reduced benefits. If spouses decide to elect reduced benefits, they complete Form SSA-25. SSA uses the information to pay qualified spouses who elect to receive reduced benefits. Respondents are entitled spouses seeking reduced benefits.

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<b>Collection Instrument</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>	<b>Average Burden Per Response (minutes)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)</b>
SSA-25	30,000	1	2	1,000

**6. Surveys in Accordance with E.O. 12862 for the Social Security**

**Administration -- 0960-0526.** Under the auspices of Executive Order 12862, Setting Customer Service Standards, SSA conducts multiple customer satisfaction surveys each year. These voluntary customer satisfaction assessments include paper, Internet, and telephone surveys; mailed questionnaires; and customer comment cards. The purpose of these questionnaires is to assess customer

satisfaction with the timeliness, appropriateness, access, and overall quality of existing SSA services and proposed modifications or new versions of services.

The respondents are recipients of SSA services (including most members of the public), professionals, and individuals who work on behalf of SSA beneficiaries.

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	<b>Number of Respondents (burden for all activities within that year)</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>	<b>Range of Response Times (minutes)</b>	<b>Burden (burden for all activities within that year; reported in hours)</b>
<b>Year 1</b> (September 2012- August 2013)	4,481,566	1	3-90	290,741
<b>Year 2</b> (September 2013 – August 2014)	1,559,566	1	3-90	144,991
<b>Year 3</b> (September 2014 – September 2015)	1,484,566	1	3-90	141,741
<b>Totals</b>	7,525,698			577,473

7. **Request for Business Entity Taxpayer Information -- 0960-0731.** Law firms or other business entities must complete Form SSA-1694, Request for Business Entity Taxpayer Information, if they wish to serve as appointed representatives and receive direct payment of fees from SSA. SSA uses the information to issue a Form 1099-MISC. SSA also uses the information to allow business entities to designate individuals to serve as entity administrators authorized to perform

certain administrative duties on their behalf, such as providing bank account information, maintaining entity information, and updating individual affiliations. Respondents are law firms or other business entities which have attorneys or other qualified individuals as partners or employees who represent claimants before SSA.

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<b>Collection Instrument</b>	<b>Number of Respondents</b>	<b>Frequency of Response</b>	<b>Average Burden Per Response (minutes)</b>	<b>Estimated Total Annual Burden (hours)</b>
SSA-1694	2,000	1	10	334

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